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The Department of Water Resources has cancelled the October 19, 2004 Cultural Resources Work Group meeting associated with relicensing the Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100). DWR cancelled the October meeting in order to focus on current settlement negotiations and the development of the Draft Historic Properties Management Plan. The next work group meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2004.

An update of activities conducted during September 2004 is enclosed in lieu of the September CRWG meeting. A monthly update of activities conducted during October and November 2004 will be supplied to participants prior to the December 2004 CRWG meeting.

We are also posting this information on our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site, <http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov>. Please visit our web site for additional information on the Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program and related meetings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Janis Offermann at (916) 445-6478.

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**Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100
Cultural Resources Work Group
September 2004 Update**

This update of activities conducted during September is provided in lieu of the September 2004 Cultural Resources Work Group meeting.

Study Plan C-1 Update

The final confidential Archaeological Inventory Report is receiving final edits. Once this document is finalized, work on Study Plan C-1 will be complete.

Study Plan C-2 Update

The historic-era site evaluation program spent most of September up the South Fork of the Feather River at the Southern Cross Mine. The mine dates back to the late 1800s and the crew was able to identify and record numerous features depicted on a map from 1912, including a possible boarding house with an associated artifact scatter, a series of quartz mines from various dates, a mill site and a blacksmith shop. The crew will spend much of October evaluating small historic sites and features throughout the fluctuation zone.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

The Maidu Advisory Council did not meet in September. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2004.

Settlement Negotiations Update

The Settlement Negotiation Group met to discuss cultural resources on September 30, 2004. A presentation of the PM&Es offered by the Department of Water Resources in the Initial Settlement Agreement was provided to the participants. The group agreed to support DWR's proposals for cultural resources in the Project 2100 license application.

DWR management also met with the Tribal Unity Council in September to discuss the provision of land in the Foreman Creek area for the reburial of repatriated remains.

Next Meeting

The next CRWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2004. A monthly update of activities conducted during October and November 2004 will be supplied to participants in lieu of an October and November meeting. Additionally, in November participants will be provided a copy of the draft Historic Properties Management Plan to review in preparation for discussions at the December meeting.